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COUNTRY <b>GERMANY</b>		REPORT NO. <b>D-58-B-3317A</b>	(LEAVE BLANK)
<b>AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT</b>			
SUBJECT <b>Foreign Nationals in VORKUTA</b>			
AREA REPORTED ON <b>VORKUTA, USSR</b>		FROM (Agency) <b>7050th AISS (USAF)</b>	
DATE OF REPORT <b>1 Apr 54</b>	DATE OF INFORMATION <b>Jun 52 - Jun 53</b>		EVALUATION <b>C-3</b>
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REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) <b>None</b>			
SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)			
<p><b>I. PREAMBLE:</b> SOURCE was interned in forced labor camp of unknown number in VORKUTA (6730N-6400E) from Jun 52 to Jun 53. During this time SOURCE worked as a miner in an unlocated coal mine in VORKUTA. SOURCE was never able to enter the city of VORKUTA, and therefore could only give the following info, which is based on SOURCE's own observations unless otherwise stated.</p> <p><b>II. FOREIGN NATIONALS IN USSR:</b> One day, when SOURCE entered a barrack in his camp in VORKUTA, he saw a newcomer, who was said to be an American. SOURCE talked to this man for approximately 5 minutes, and during the conversation learned that the prisoner was an American citizen born in the United States. He had been in China working as a reporter for some newspaper or news agency. In China he was imprisoned because of espionage in 1948. SOURCE could not recall name of prisoner, but remembered that the American was said to have been born in either MISSOURI or MISSISSIPPI. The man was approximate 1.68 m tall, strongly built, with blond hair, and tanned oval-shaped face. He had no specific marks or features. The American hoped he would be freed again before long, and therefore hoped for another war. However, he also said that the US government did not have enough courage to start a war, even though America was much more powerful than the Soviet Union. A few hours after this conversation, he was transferred to another forced labor camp in the area of VORKUTA, where he was still said to be interned when SOURCE left the city in Jun 53.</p> <p>Present during the entire conversation between SOURCE and the American a Swede, served as interpreter. SOURCE could talk no English, and the American could talk no German. This Swede somehow had been imprisoned by the MVD in 1945 in BERLIN. He was 1.83 m tall, slender, with a slim dark complected face and black hair. No specific marks or features. No other info.</p> <p>SOURCE was told by fellow PWs that there were 2 Frenchmen interned in the forced labor camp also, who were said to have been arrested and imprisoned because of espionage in 1948.</p>			
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